

Gorey Educate Together National School

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BEHAVIOUR NEWS

What are the orange cards for?

Our staff work hard to give credit for the behaviours that are most dear to us at Gorey Educate Together: kindness and inclusion. They also present orange cards to the children who help to keep our break times secure by playing safely, lining up well and using 'SALT' (see below.) Orange cards go towards 'Class of the Week.' (A trophy and a treat are presented during Friday assembly.)

What is S.A.L.T.?

S.A.L.T. stands for *Stop, Ask, Listen and Talk*. The SALT programme is designed to help children in primary school learn good *conflict resolution skills*. We've introduced the programme into all of our classrooms as part of our Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) and Learn Together curriculums. Parents can find out more about S.A.L.T. by visiting www.otb.ie

Blue cards

We also use 'blue cards' to track certain misbehaviours: unsafe play, name-calling, not following directions and not lining up. (Whereas orange cards are displayed around the school, blue cards are not.)

Reflection Room, 12.30-12.50pm (i.e. during part of one of the playground breaks.) Our Code of Behaviour makes provision for strategies and sanctions to be used when a child's behaviour does not meet the agreed expectations, (non-verbal signals, reasoning, reprimand, timeout, loss of privileges, etc.) Our 'reflection room' is also available as a possible strategy/sanction. This room operates very similarly to 'timeout,' but any referred pupil also completes a SALT-based reflection sheet to help them reflect on behaviour and misbehaviour. Parents are asked to sign any such reflection sheets.

Tuesday 26th February: our *Food Dudes* healthy eating programme begins today and includes 16 days of free fruit & vegetables for every pupil! Funded by *Bord Bia*, the Irish Food Board. See www.fooddudes.ie

Thursday 28th February: 6th class attending Tag Rugby blitz at Gorey Rugby Club.

Thursday 28th February & Friday 1st March: Drumming workshop for every class with local percussionist Conor Moore.

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March: School Photographs. All children will be included in the class photos unless parents specify otherwise to the principal. For individual or family photos please return the attached form. All purchases are optional.

Monday 11th — Friday 15th March: Our *Seachtain na Gaeilge* (Irish language week.) Details to follow....

Sunday 17th March, 3pm: Gorey's St Patrick's Day parade. (The school is taking a break from involvement — however, please try to go along and support all the other local groups!)

Monday 18th March: Public Holiday. School closed.

Friday 22nd March: End of Term. Classes finish at the regular times, (1.30pm and 2.30pm.)

Friday 22nd March: School Disco. Parent helpers needed. Details to follow.... (Due to limited capacity, this disco will be for current pupils only.)

Monday 8th April: School reopens. After-school swimming today, (see below.)

Optional swimming lessons from April 8th for 4 Mondays, open to all classes

Swimming bus departs school: 2.30pm. A teacher will accompany the children. Lesson: 3pm-3.45pm. Bus departs Forest Park Leisure Centre, Courtown: 4pm. Arrive back at school: 4.15pm. **The children who need help with dressing/undressing must be met at the pool by a parent or guardian.**

Bookings: first-come-first-served for both the **main pool** and the **learner pool**. Pay-in-advance only. No refunds for illness, change of mind, etc.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Please circle one: Main pool

Learner pool

Parent/guardian signature(s): _____



In an emergency, I give consent to the school to authorise treatment for my child, as recommended by medical personnel. I enclose €30 (bus and entrance for the 4 Mondays.) **Book and pay by Tuesday March 19th.**

Remember to take swimwear, towel and swimming hat! No shopping for food or drink at the pool. Pack some extra lunch, if desired.

Junior and Senior Infant swimmers can also avail of the 1.30-2.30pm supervised activity session at the school ('after-school club,') subject to availability of places. Cost: €12 for 4 Mondays. Book and pay in advance only.



Parking: please make best use of the limited space that we have. Don't block other parents from using the parking spaces near the pedestrian gate.

**MIND
THAT
CHILD!**



'Make education important in your home.... Don't let your child miss out on a good start in life! It is not okay to miss school.... Help your child to be proud of a good attendance record.'

National Educational Welfare Board

Almost half of pupils attending Gorey Educate Together N.S. have attendance records of 94%-100%, i.e. their attendance is above or well-above the national average.

Reminders

The children can only be marked present if they are in attendance when each morning roll is called.

Parents should always write to the teacher explaining the reason for a child's absence.

Please remember to write a note, even if you have spoken to a teacher about the absence. The reason for your child's absence will be filed. (Parents can also email the note to info@goreyeducatetogether.ie Include the child's full name and class.)

High levels of non-attendance are reported automatically to the National Educational Welfare Board, 16-22 Green Street, Dublin 7. See www.newb.ie for information in various languages.



12 pupils from the school's Chess Club attended the recent tournament at Enniscorthy Gaelscoil.

A great day was had by all!

Many thanks to the parent and staff volunteers.

